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NAME AND OBJECTS.

1. Its name shall be "COURT ALLAN'S PRIDE," No. 5,774, and it shall form a branch of the Montreal United District of the Ancient Order of Foresters' Friendly Society, and have for its objects the establishment of funds, as provided in these Rules, for relieving its Sick Members, defraying the expenses of management, a Benevolent fund to relieve cases of distress brought before the Court, and burying the dead. The whole of the objects and Rules of this Court shall be carried into effect in conformity with, and subject to, the Laws of the District, and the General Laws of the Order, and the whole of the said Laws of the Order, and of the District, and any alterations or amendments thereof, hereafter made and certified shall be applicable to the Members of this Court, in the same manner as if the said Laws, &c., were inserted in these Rules.

CONSTITUTION OF COURT.

2. That this Court shall consist of an unlimited number of members, and be conducted by seven officers, as a Committee of management, under the following titles:—Chief Ranger, Sub-Chief Ranger, Treasurer, Senior Woodward, Junior Woodward, Senior Beadle, and Junior Beadle; a Surgeon to examine all candidates and attend the sick, and an Arbitration Committee to adjudicate upon all matters that may be properly brought before their notice. Each officer shall be in his place by eight o'clock P. M., on every regular or summaned meeting

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PLACE OF MEETING.

This Court shall be held at "UNION HALL" Craig Street, Montreal, or at such other place as two-thirds of the members present at a summoned meeting called for that purpose may determine. In case of a removal being deemed necessary, a motion for that purpose shall be made and seconded by any free member on a fortnightly meeting, and if carried, the sceretary shall summon every member of the court seven days previously to the next meeting, when such proposition shall be taken into consideration, discussed, and finally decided

DUTY OF CHIEF RANGER.

The duty of the Chief Ranger shall be to sit as president and preserve due order and decorum in the court, inflict fines for the infraction of rules, preside over all committees appointed by the court, see that justice is done between all parties, and that the laws of the Order are properly and impartially administered. And he shall keep one key of the box, and produce the same when required for the business of the court in de

DUTY OF SUB-CHIEF RANGER.

5. He shall, as well as all other officers, do his utmost to obtain proper respect for the president, and to preserve decorum and good feeling in the court. And shall in conjunction with the beadles, be responsible for the properties of the court. They shall take an inventory of all goods under their charge, and shall be answerable for their production to their succe-sors. The value of any property missing shall be placed to their arrears, the same as any other dues of the court. And he shall keep one key of the box, and produce the same when required for the business of the court,

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DUTY OF TREASURER.

6. He shall be elected annually; take charge of the funds of the court, and before entering on his office, the court shall see that he is properly guarranteed (expenses incured thereby being bourne by the court,) the amount to be determined upon at a summoned meeting of the court. He shall render an account at each time of auditing the accounts; pay the demands when ordered by the court or Chief Ranger and Secretary so to do; and assist the other officers in the proper discharge of their duties. He shall also give up all books, documents, and moneys belonging to the court, when ordered to do so by a resolution passed at a summoned meeting of the court.

DUTY OF SECRETARY.

He shall be elected annually, and continue in office during the pleasure of the court; he shall attend all court meetings, and take a clear and correct account of all receipts and expenditure. He shall carefully register the name, age residence, and profession of every person proposed and initiated; keep a clear and distinct account of each member's contribution prepare and deliver all summonses to the woodwards, at least six days before the time of meeting, and attend the auditors to point out and explain anything they may require respecting the accounts. When a member declares on the sick fund, it shall be his duty to see immediately what allowance he is entitled to receive, and communicate the same to the woodwards, so that they may visit him during his sickness, and punctually pay his claims at the proper time. He shall prepare documents and returns both for District and High Court; provide by the first court night in April, in each year, a balance sheet of the year's receipts and expenditure, and a new contribution card. And he shall receive from the Management Fund for his services the sum of eight cents per quarter for each member good on the books at the quarterly audit. If he be absent from the ourt at eight o'clock he shall be fined twenty cents, and should e fail to attend the whole evening without the consent of the sourt, fifty cents. In case of sickness or other emergency satisfactorily explained to the chief ranger, his fine shall be

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The woodwards shall visit the sick within the City limits at least once a week each, or be fined ten cents for each They shall pay all sick allowance within the same distance before nine o'clock on Friday evening in each week; report to the Chief Ranger every court night the condition of the sick; serve all summonses within the City limits, four days. previous to the time of meeting, and they shall be expected to do their utmost in preserving the finances of the court. If, upon delivering summonses, they discover any brother has changed his residence, they shall report the same to the secre-

DUTY OF BEADLES.

The beadles shall attend the door, see that no person enters while another is speaking and prevent the admission of any inebriated person. They shall, in conjunction with the Chief Ranger, and Sub-Chief Ranger, take an inventory of all goods under their charge, and shall be answerable for their production to their successors. The value of any property missing shall be placed to their arrears, the same as any other dues of the court. The senior beadle to keep one key of the box, and produce the same when required for the business of

DUTY OF SURGEON.

The Surgeon will be elected annually, and continue in office during the pleasure of the court. It shall be his duty to examine all candidates, and, if satisfactory, to give them a proper certificate of the same. To attend all sick members residing within the City limits, and provide them with proper and sufficient medicines during their affliction. Should the sick member be able to walk to the surgeon's residence, and it be proper for him to do so, he shall attend the surgeon, if not the surgeon shall attend him at his own house. He shall not be expected to find either splints or leeches; but in other reors that may arise, fined according to

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spects, he shall do his utmost to restore the health of his afficted brother. The surgeon shall receive for each financial member residing within the City limits twenty-five cents per quarter from the Management Fund. If it should appear to him that a member continues receiving the benefits longer than necessary, he shall communicate with the secretary, and on his decision the treasurer may be ordered to pay no more till the next court night, when the case shall be brought before the members, and decided on.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers (treasurer, secretary, and surgeon excepted) shall continue in office six months, when they shall be succeeded by others, who have been proposed on the first meeting night in April and October in each year; the election and installation to take place on the first meeting night in the following month. And should any brother, after having been duly proposed and elected, be absent after nine o'clock in the evening of taking office, he shall be fined twenty-five cents; and should any brother refuse taking office after being duly elected, he shall be fined fifty cents. And at this meeting, one, making three competent persons shall be chosen to audit the accounts; and they shall make their report on the financial condition of the court on the following meeting night, announcing the names of all suspended members since the last audit, with the sums due from them respectively; and for this duty. they shall be allowed from the Management Fund, twenty-five cents each for each audit. Any auditor not attending at the time appointed, or sending a sufficient apology for absence shall be fined twenty-five cents, to be placed to the Management Fund, and any brother present performing his duties shall receive the pay for same, and continue in office the remainder of the absent brother's term; the same to be sanctioned on next court And no auditors report to be received without the signature of two auditors, the senior auditor to retire each half Any member may nominate for office whomsoever he pleases, by presenting the candidate's name on a slip of paper to the Chief Ranger; and should there be more than one for the office, the election shall be decided by ballot.

DUTY, OF TRUSTEES.

12. At the first meeting of the Court after these rules are registered there shall be elected by a majority of the members then present three Trustees who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Court. A copy of every resolution appointing a Trustee or Trustees shall be sent to the High Court of the said Order. In case any Trustee being removed from office shall neglect to assign or transfer any property belonging to the Court, as the Court shall direct, such Trustee shall be expelled and shall cease to have any claim on the Society on account of any contributions paid by him.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

13. That so much of the funds of the Society as may not be wanted for immediate use, or to meet the usual accruing liabilities, shall, with the consent of the Court, be invested by the Trustees, in the banks or in such a way as the Court shall direct. Provided such investments be in accordance with

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

14. On the first Meeting night in January, twelve brothers shall be chosen from the members then present as a Court Committee, to hear and decide on all cases of dispute that may arise under the Rules of this Court. Any party who has a matter to bring before the Committee, shall state the same in writing to the Chief Ranger, who shall direct the Secretary to summon the Committee, and the complainant and defendant to meet on some evening, not less than four days after the delivery of such summonses; whatever decision may be some to by the Committee must be in accordance with the 87th General Law. Any member who neglects to appear when summoned shall be fined Ten Cents, and if the Complainant does not attend any meeting of the Committee he shall be fined Two Dollars; the Committee to receive the same for their attend-

TIME OF MEETING.

The Court shall hold its Meetings every First and Wednesday Evening in the month, at Eight o'clock

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until Ten o'cleck, (after which no contributions shall be received), and continue open, if other business require it, until Eleven o'clock, at which hour it shall be invariably closed, or adjourned, or the Chief Ranger will be fined fifty cents; and all business done after that hour shall be of no effect. And at all summoned meetings, all members residing within the City Limits shall answer to their names when the roll is called, under a fine of ten cents, unless a sufficient apology be received by the Chief Ranger or Secretary; nor shall any brother leave the court without the permission of the Chief Ranger until the business for which they were summonded be concluded, under a fine of Ten Cents, without mitiga and The roll to be called at nine o'clock, p.m.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

That when any person is proposed as a candidate for admission into this court, his proposer shall pay on his behalf the sum of fifty cents; and at the time of his admission the further sum of one Dollar and a half, and the remainder of the admission fees to be paid within six months from the time of initiation; and if not paid within such time he shall not be entitled to any benefits until the expiration of six months from the date of paying up the full amount. But should any person proposed and accepted neglect to complete his initiation within three months from the date of his proposition, his deposit shall be forfeited to the management fund of the court: but should the caudidate be refused on any account, his proposition money shall be returned to him. Every person proposed shall prove his age to the satisfaction of the court, previous to his admission; and shall produce a legally qualified surgeon's certificate of good health. Immediately after the admission of a member, he shall be furnished, gratuitously, by the court with a copy of all the rules and laws by which . he is to be governed: and also a certificate of membership.

EXCEPTIONS AS CANDIDATES.

17. That no person shall be admitted a member of this court who is in ill health, except as an honorary member, nor shall any individual be admitted (whether as an honorary or financial member) who bears a bad character, leads a dissolute

life, frequents bad company, is guilty of habitual intoxication or is of a quarrelsome behaviour. Any member knowing proposing a candidate in opposition to this law, shall be fine ctobe two Dollars and fifty cents or be expelled, or suffer such othe punishment as the court, in which such misdemeanor occure shall think proper to award.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

That no person shall be admitted a financial member of this order, who is under the age of eighteen or above forty years, the charges for initiation to be as follows:

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to rejoin the Order, in any court, without the sanction of the court of which he was formerly a member; and any person obtaining admission into the Order without informing the court of his having formerly been a member shall be expelled.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

That each member of this court shall pay, or cause to be paid, per quarter, one Dollar and thirty cents to the Sick and Funeral Fund, and also Sixty-five cents to the management Fund. And the amount of all fines, for which a member may become responsible to his court or district, shall be placed to his account, and operate upon his financial condition. And he shall become free, and entitled to Sick benefit at the expiration of six calendar months, and to Funeral Benefits at the expiration of twelve Calendar months from the time of his initiation, if he has paid up all contributions, fines, and

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MEMBERS IN ARREARS.

That each member shall clear the Books of all arars every quarterly meeting night or be fined ten cents. Thenever a Member's contributions and dues are one quarter arrears the Secretary shall summon him to pay the same on he following monthly night (for which he shall be charged ve cents), and should he neglect the same at the time apjointed, he shall be suspended all benefits of the Order until

RE-INSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

21. If a suspended member desires to be re-instated, he must produce a medical certificate of good health on a meeting night, and if he pays the whole of his arrears, together with a fine of twenty five cents, if within three months from the date of suspension: if exceding three months, fifty cents, and if a majority of the members then present so decide, he may be reinstated on the books again, he will then be entitled to benefits 14 weeks after such reinstatement. Nevertheless, should a member from some unavoidable cause, become suspended, he may. on the next meeting night after his suspension, be re-instated on the books again, without the medical certificate, by the payment of the above fine of twenty-five cents. No member shall be reinstated who has been suspended more than twelve menths.

DISTANT MEMBERS REQUIRING A SUGEON.

That should a member reside at a distance from his court house, and desire the assistance of a surgeon of a court in his neighbourhood, he shall be allowed to do so, upon being accepted by such surgeon, and paying the same contributions into the court that is paid by the members therecf.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Persons duly approved of by the Court may be admitted as honorary members of this Court on the payment of three Dollars entrance fee, and one dollar annually thereafter. They shall be subject to the rules of the Court and shall be a lowed to give their opinion on any subject under discussion, but shall not be allowed to vote upon any question whatever, nor have any claims to the funds or property belonging to the

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.

24. Should a member move to a new residence, he shall send his proper address to the secretary in writing, on or before the next meeting night or be fined ten cents; and shall be responsible for all summonses that may be directed to his late residence, until he gives notice of such removal.

SICK MEMBERS' DENEFITS.

Every member qualified to receive benefits according to the eighteenth rule, who becomes sick, lame, blind, or infirm, and incapable of following his occupation, shall still be entitled to his allowance, although he may continue to conduct his business by his wife, servant, or children. And whenever a free member shall have received for twenty-six weeks in successsion full pay of three Dollars and fifty cents per week for sickness or infirmity, he shall be reduced to two Dollars; and in like manner, whenever a member of the court shall have received for twenty-six weeks in succession half-pay for sickness and infirmity, and be still disabled from following his employment he shall be reduced to one Dollar per week as long as he shall be so disabled. Moreover, if any members shall have received full pay, or half-pay, for a less period than twenty-six weeks he shall not be allowed to begin his twenty-six weeks over again until he shall have ceased to receive any pay whatever on account of sickness for six calendar months; and should he fall sick within six months of his late illness, he shall be placed in the same situation as when he ceased to receive relief, and shall receive such allowance, and no other, as he would have received had no cessation of sickness occured.

SICK MEMBERS' CERTIFICATES.

Every member claiming sick allowance must give notice thereof to the secretary in writing. The first declaration must reach the secretary before twelve o'clock (excepting those requiring to be sent by post, in which case they must be posted before twelve o'slook,) or the day will not be allowed. So soon

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SICK MEMBERS' REGULATIONS.

27. No undue advantage shall be taken of a sick or afflicted member of this court at any time, but the rules shall be liberally construed where no fraudulent intention appears. Nevertheless, if a member receives any accident by fighting, running, leaping, wrestling, or any dangerous practice, or act of bravado, he shall receive no sick benefits; nor for the venereal disease. But should the disorder occasion his death, the same shall be paid as for other deaths, if allowed by district. should a member while receiving sick benefits, be found drinking to excess, or at any public place of amusement, or frequenting any public-house, or beer-house, or gaming, or inebriated, offering to fight, or doing that which is likely to retard his recovery, or working, or imposing on the funds in any way: or should any sick member while receiving sick allowance, refuse to be seen by the medical attendant, or woodwards, the secretary may suspend his sick pay, and continue his suspension until the court restore his privileges. Any sick member on the fund of the court going out for the benefit of the air, with a view of improving his health, must leave word where he has gone, and the road he intends returning, so that the woodwards may follow if they think proper. He must not go farther than two miles from home, unless with the written consent of the medical attendant." He must be at home by eight o'clock in the evening in the summer half-year, from 25th of March to 25th of September; and not after six in the winter half-year, from 25th of September to 25th of March. If a sick member should leave his home without the written consent of the medical attendant or recretary, his claim shall cease during his absence. No member to declare off the sick fund without the sanction of the medical attendant. Any member violating any part of this rule shall be fined by the officers under the discretionary clause of the 107th General Lawrence 12 3 2

FUNERAL CLAIMS. 28. On the death of every member, who is full free, in accordance with the District Law, his widow or relative shall receive the sum of Sint Dollars; and should the wife of a full free member die, the widower shall receive the sum of Thirty Dollars; and the marriage certificate shall be produced when the demand is made. Nevertheless, the above claims must be in conformity with the laws of the Montreal United

EXCEPTIONS TO BENEFITS.

No member of this court shall be qualified to receive the benefits of the Order if he has concealed any disorder or bodily infirmity, with which he was afflicted at the time of his

MEMBERS LEAVING THE DOMINION.

That if any Member of this court leave the Dominion without the sanction of the court, he shall be suspended all sick benefits until his return, but he shall be entitled to all other privileges of the Order; and in case of his death, his widow or relative shall be entitled to the funeral benefits, upon the production of the necessary certificates, she or they having kept all contributions duly paid up, until he has taken his clearance into a court in foreign parts.

REGULATIONS DURING COURT HOURS.

Every member is expected to attend his court cleanly and decently attired; address the Chief Ranger in a proper and respectful manner; and observe due kindness and deco. um During discussions only one member to address the Chief Ranger at a time, and he shall be standing; the speaker shall utter his sentiments in a cool, dispassionate manner; the Chief Ranger may call him to order should he digress; and if a member, by intemperate conduct or behaviour, interrupt a speaker who is in order, or retard the business of the court in any way, the Chief Ranger may inflict a fine of ten cents apon him. A member shall be allowed to speak no more than once on the same subject; unless strictly in explanation, without the permission of the Chief Ranger, or unless

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he be the mover of a proposition, in which case he shall be allowed to reply; and upon any question where the votes are equal the Chief Ranger shall give the susting vote. No one shall be allowed to leave the room during debate, except in case of necessity. And should the Chief Ranger vacate his chair, he must appoint a "past Chief" to take his place during his absence; or any officer quitting his seat during business, without appointing a substitute shall be fined ten cents. Should a member become turbulent or inebriated during business, he shall be desired by the Chief Ranger to withdraw, and if he refuses, a fine of fifty cents shall be registered against him. It a member during business hours, make, or offer to make, wagers, or play at any kind of games, or swear or use any insulting language to any brother, he shall be fined ten cents for each offence without mitigation. And should the beadle admit any one inebriated during court hours, or without the password and countersign, unless by order of the chief ranger, he shall be fined twenty-five cents.

DIVULGING THE SECRETS OF THE ORDER.

32. Should any brother make known to any person not duly intiated a member of this Order any of its secrets, he shall be for ever expelled; or should a brother make known any objection made in this court to the admission of a candidate, or the name of any brother making such objection, he shall pay a fine of two Pollars, or be expelled; or should any brother, except the chief ranger or secretary, give the password or countersign to any brother, either in or out of court, he shall be fined for every such offence, according to the discretion of the court; or should any brother make known any resolution of, or the discussion used in, any meeting of this Order to a person who does not belong to it, he shall be fined at the discretion of the court.

DAMAGING THE PROPERTY OF THE COURT.

33. Should a member damage or destroy any property belonging to the court, he shall restore it at his ownless pense within one month, or the chief ranger may fine him under the discretionary clause, and place the amount of damage to his arrears.

CLEARANCES AND TRAVELLING LICENSES.

34. Any member of this Order who has been initiated twelve months, and who is clear on the books of his court, may have his clearance or travelling license by proving his necessity for the same. No member will be allowed to withdraw from the court to which he belongs, to enter as a member of another court, unless he shall produce such clearance or travelling license signed by the chief ranger, sub chief ranger, and secretary, with the court seal affixed, stating that he has paid up all arrears. But should a member have been suspended his court for non-payment of contributions for the space of twelve months, such member will not be allowed to enter his own or any other court otherwise than as a new member.—See general law 92 to 98.

ARREARS.

35. Arrears shall include contributions, Doctor's Dues, Management Fund, Benevolent and Incidental Funds, and Fines.

APOLOGIES.

36. All apologies that may be received for non-attendance at summonded or any other meetings, shall be read to the court, and if not of a bona fide character, shall not be received, and the brother fined as if he had not sent any apology; and if any brother after he has sent an apology shall be seen in the neighbourhood, occupying himself in any kind of amusement, or acting in any way contrary to the statement in his apology, he shall, upon its being proved to the court, be fined double the amount he would have been liable to if he had not apologised.

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APPLICATION OF FINES.

37. All fines enforced in this code of rules shall be appropriated to the Management Fund, except the fine in Benevolent Fund; and any member breaking a rule for which there is no specific fine, shall be fined under the discretionary clause of the 107th General Law.

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ANNIVERSARY.

39. That a regular summoned meeting shall take place on the first meeting night in March to decide on the best means of celebrating the Anniversary, and at such Anniversary every member except the sick shall have a ticket sent him; should any one decline attending he must return his ticket four days before the celebration, or pay the price thereof into the Anniversary Fund. The financial condition of the court shall, at such Anniversary, be annunced. No part of the expenses of the Anniversary to come out of the funds of the court.

COURT CHEST.

40. The court chest shall have three locks and three keys, to be kept respectively by the chief ranger, sub-chief ranger and senior beadle. If either of these officers neglect to send his key by quarter-past eight o'clock on a meeting night he shall be fined twenty-five cents, and if he be absent the whole evening fifty cents, together with such expenses as may be incurred on opening the chest.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

41. That at the end of each year the Secretary shall prepare an Annual Report of the court, with a list of all members and the amounts paid and due from them, and the auditors shall examine the same to see if correct; and that the same shall, as soon as possible afterwards, be printed, with a list of members, and each member shall receive a copy thereof at cost price; and the books and accounts of the ety shall be conto the inspection of any member at all reasonable times.

NEW RULES AND ALTERATIONS.

42. Any proposition for altering, amending, or rescinding this code of rules must be properly made in court, and each member apprised of its purport by summons, so that at a special general meeting, called for the express purpose, the question may be decided.

SEPARATE BOOK OF ACCOUNTS.

- 43. That a book or books shall be kept, in which shall be entered all monies received or paid on account of each and every particular fund or benefit, distinct from all monies received and paid on account, of any other benefit or fund.
- 44. The Secretary shall keep a book in which the members may nominate in writing the person to whom the burial money shall be paid on their decease. Any member may revoke such nomination by a written notice to that effect, signed by himself; and it shall be the duty of the Chief Ranger to see the nomination erased. The member to pay five cents to the Management Fund for each nomination or revocation. The Secretary neglecting to ask a new member to nominate within three months of his admission, to forfeit five cents.

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Signed,

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that Br.

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Signed,

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